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DAY OF SALE.

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A SMALL COLLECTION OF CHOICE EARLY BOOKS
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SIZES MIXED.

LOT 1.

PASSIO JESU CHRISTI. BLOCK BOOK, 17 ll. 17 FULL PAGE WOODCUTS WITH XYLOGRAPHIC TEXT IN GERMAN ON THE REVERSE, both cuts and text within single line frame borders, text in a large upright gothic letter, cuts measuring 110 mm. by 77 mm. coloured by a contemporary hand in crimson, green, blue, yellow and brown, with halos in gold, a small worm-hole in the corner of the first five leaves, but otherwise in very good condition, 18th century morocco, arms erased from covers 8vo. (135 mm. by 91 mm.) German [147—]

* * AN ENTIRELY UNRECORDED BLOCK BOOK WITH WOODCUTS OF GREAT MERIT. Only two Passion Block books of this size are illustrated by Schreiber (Gravure sur Bois, 1900, vol. 8, LXXX and LXXXI), the woodcuts in neither of them approaching the present series in elaborateness, the spirited way in which the figures are drawn, or the remarkable expressiveness of the faces.

LOT 1—*continued.*

The book consists of one gathering of 16 leaves with a single leaf before it, 17 leaves in all. The woodcuts start, naturally enough for a Passion series, with the Entry into Jerusalem and follow on in an unbroken sequence to the Last Judgement.

This copy being apparently unique, there is no means of ascertaining with certainty whether it is entirely complete; but from internal evidence we see no reason to suppose that it is not exactly as issued.

The series is as follows :

[See ILLUSTRATIONS.]

1. Entry into Jerusalem.
2. Last Supper.
3. Garden of Olives.
4. Betrayal.
5. Christ before Pilate.
6. Flagellation.
7. The Crown of Thorns.
8. Carrying the Cross.
9. Christ stripped of his garments.
10. Nailing to the Cross.
11. Descent from the Cross.
12. Harrowing of Hell.
13. Entombment.
14. Resurrection.
15. Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene.
16. Ascension.
17. Last Judgment.

On the verso of each leaf is a Devotion in German referring to the illustration on the recto. In eight cases there are at the end of the Devotion catchwords referring to the scene next succeeding.

[See FRONTISPICE.]

Bound in the same volume is the following :—

ARS MORIENDI. BLOCK BOOK, 13 ll. 11 FULL PAGE WOODCUTS WITH XYLOGRAPHIC TEXT ON THE REVERSE, 2 ll. with text on both sides, both cuts and text within single line frame borders, text rudely cut in German character, 18 lines to a page, cuts coloured by a contemporary hand in green and pale tints of brown and yellow, measuring 96 mm. by 80 mm. frame line of one woodcut cut into, otherwise in very good condition

8vo. (135 mm. by 91 mm.) German, [147—]

* * OF THIS BLOCK BOOK THERE IS KNOWN TO EXIST ONLY ONE OTHER COMPLETE COPY, and two odd leaves in the British Museum. Schreiber vol. IV, p. 266, vol. VIII, plate CIX. The book consists of one gathering of 13 leaves, the first blank leaf missing; it is a more primitive production than the Passion Block book first described, both as regards the woodcuts, which show great severity of

LOT 1—*continued.*

treatment, and the very crabbed letter in which the text is cut.

The sequence of woodcuts comprises six scenes, each scene representing one of the temptations to which the dying man is exposed, and followed by a scene in which his good angel fortifies him against them, the last (13th) woodcut showing the final rout of the demons who surround the death-bed. These scenes follow the original quarto edition exactly in composition, but the German Devotions which form the text have little or no relation to the Latin text of the quarto.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

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2 CICERO. DE ORATORE, PRINTED ON VELLUM, 72 ll.

*roman letter, three large initials in colours on burnished gold grounds with delicately painted flourishes in soft colours round three sides of the page, a few contemporary marginal notes in a neat humanistic hand, small original defects in the vellum affecting a few letters on ff 62 and 72, panelled red morocco gilt, inside borders gilt, pale blue watered silk end leaves, c. 1800.] [Hain, *5100; Proctor, *4131]*

folio. (325 mm. by 210 mm.). Venice, Chr. Valdarfer,

1470

** THE ONLY KNOWN COPY ON VELLUM of Valdarfer's very rare edition of the De Oratore (specially mentioned by Brunet II, 32). The beautiful illuminated pages are of German execution, and according to a partially erased inscription on the first page the book was in the possession of the Jesuit College at Bamberg in 1612.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

- 3 POGGIO. *FACETIAE*, 109 ll. roman letter, capitals supplied in red, 18th century French olive morocco gilt, three-line fillet round sides, g. e.
4to. (212 mm. by 153 mm.). [Rome, Georgius Lauer, c. 1470]

** VERY RARE and in all probability the FIRST EDITION of the *Facetiae*. Proctor 3404 (no copy in the British Museum). Of the three known early undated editions, Rome, Ulrich Han and Venice, Wendelin de Spira being the other two, this edition can be shown on typographical grounds to be the earliest. It most probably also precedes the Ferrara edition of 1471. No record of sale since 1919.

- 4 CICERO. *DE NATURA DEORUM*, *de divinatione* etc.—Modestus. *De Disciplina militari*, 186 ll. roman letter, three initials in burnished gold and colours in the "white vine" style, other initials in gold on coloured grounds, contemporary Italian coat of arms, gules, an eagle displayed argent, on A 6, has the two blank leaves 151-2, small tear in last leaf, repaired, stains in margin of six leaves at beginning, English straight-grained red morocco, gilt, g. e. c. 1800 [Hain, 5334; Proctor, *4030], A LARGE COPY
folio. (271 mm. by 173 mm.). Venice, Vindelinus de Spira, 1471

5 JUVENALIS ET PERSIUS. SATYRAE, 70 ll. roman letter, initials in red and blue, a few old marginal notes, wormholes at end, panelled red morocco gilt, arms on top cover, g. e. c. 1800, [Hain, 9680; Proctor, *5785]

4to (273 mm. by 194 mm.). Milan, A. Zarotus, 1474

** A very rare early edition of Juvenal. No record of sale.

6 HERODOTUS. HISTORIAE, FIRST EDITION, 259 ll. roman letter, initials supplied in colours with marginal decoration by a contemporary hand on A 2, wormhole in inner margin affecting a few letters of text on 10 ll. towards the end, tear in A 9, 18th century French red morocco, gilt, monogram D. B. and coronet on top cover, g. e. [Hain, *8469; Proctor, *4236].

folio. (248 mm. by 178 mm.) Venice, Jac. Rubeus, 1474

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*gothic letter, initials supplied in red, contemporary stamped
calf over wooden boards, brass clasps* [Hain. 15692;
Brunet. V. 983-4]
folio. (307 mm. by 213 mm.) CRACOW, [unknown
printer, c. 1480]
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A FINE and LARGE COPY, with many uncut edges showing
the original manuscript quiring. The contemporary
binding is of great interest, and among other stamps
shows one of quatrefoil form with a female figure riding
backwards on a goat and blowing a trumpet. Another
stamp has a heart between two birds with a crown above.
- 8 VITRUVIUS. DE ARCHITECTURA, FIRST EDITION, 98 ll. roman
*letter, some contemporary marginal notes in a neat
humanistic hand, a single wormhole at beginning and end,
skillfully repaired in most leaves, 18th century Italian
calf, gilt border round sides, morocco labels* [Proctor,
*3951]
folio. (282 mm. by 203 mm.) [Rome, E. Silber,
c. 1486]
- ** THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST EDITION OF VITRUVIUS.
FINE COPY. Bound in at the end is the first edition of
Frontinus, De Aquaeductibus, an undated book from the
same press [Hain, 7389; Proctor, 3940]. The British
Museum copies of these books are bound together in the
same order, and were assigned by Proctor to the press of
Georg Herolt. Only two copies of the Vitruvius have
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